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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: PASSIVE POLARIZATION STABILIZER

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 27 pages, including 2 independent claims and 17 claims total.
2. Drawings - 6 sheets of formal drawings containing 15 figures.
3. Preliminary Amendment
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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).  
Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on European Application No. 00305236.2, filed June 21, 2000, and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/214,501, filed June 27, 2000.

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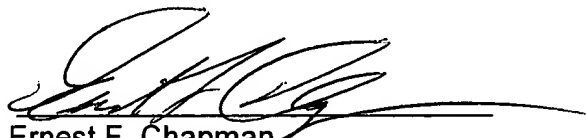
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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